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REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office action mailed Oct. 9, 2007. Claims 1, 3-5, and 10 have been amended. The subject matter of the amendments is sourced from the original specification and/or drawings of the present application, thus no new matter is added.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application. Applicant appreciates Examiner's thorough search and careful review of the present application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-tangible subject matter.

Claim 10 recites "determining whether there is a need to modify shipping dates, and if there is a need to modify the shipping dates". The invention is not tangible because the claimed invention stipulates "if" a condition takes place. The claim makes no provision in the case when such condition does not take place.

In response, applicant has amended claim 10 by deleting the limitations of "determining whether there is a need to modify shipping dates, and if there is a need to modify the shipping dates, the shipment sheet generating module". It is submitted that amended claim 10 recites tangible subject matter only, and is directed to statutory subject matter. Thus, applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 101.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wong (U.S. Pat. No. 6,115,690).

Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-11. The following remarks herein are responsive to the rejections as understood.

Claims 1-4

Claim 1, as amended, recites in part:

'a product warehousing module for warehousing products, generating data on the warehoused products, and transmitting the data on the warehoused products to at least one external system'.

Applicant submits that Wong does not disclose, teach, or suggest the invention having the above-highlighted features as recited in claim 1 as amended.

As indicated on page 3 of the Office action, Wong discloses that "the present system is based on the concept of virtual inventory. In accordance with the concept of virtual inventory, all of the goods available for purchase in all of the warehouses throughout the world are regarded as available inventory. Because the Web allows business to take place at a light speed [sic], the difference between physical inventory and no physical inventory can be merely the click of a button on a computer screen. As goods are received and shipped, these events are tracked by a virtual inventory process in which all items are presold" (col. 24, lines 16-25). Applicant acknowledges that Wong discloses a feature relating to "warehouses". The "warehouses" in Wong are only the virtual entities; that is, they describe virtual storehouses. Applicant stresses that the "warehousing" in claim 1 of the present application is action of warehousing, which describes storing items into a (virtual) storehouse.

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Furthermore, applicant submits that Wong only discloses an electronic commerce method which makes goods in warehouses throughout the world *available* for purchase. However, as recited in amended claim 1 of the present application, the product warehousing module can *warehouse products, generate data on the warehoused products, and transmit the data on the warehoused products to at least one external system.* Accordingly, Wong fails to disclose, teach or suggest the feature of "a product warehousing module for *warehousing products, generating data on the warehoused products, and transmitting the data on the warehoused products to at least one external system*", as recited in amended claim 1 of the present application.

In addition, claim 1, as amended, recites in part:

'a shipment sheet processing module for *collecting the shipment sheets, generating an accumulative shipment sheet for each client, generating detailed data on the accumulative shipment sheet, and arranging for packing of products to be shipped*'.

Applicant submits that Wong does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the invention having the above-described features as set forth in amended claim 1.

As indicated on page 3 of the Office action, Wong discloses "[r]eferring more particularly to FIG. 84, from a MWS output screen display, the user can select a group of invoices and click on a collections button to cause a collections summary to appear. By further clicking on a By Customer button, the selected invoices are broken down by customer as shown in FIG. 85" (col. 33, lines 33-38). It is understood that Wong can collect a group of invoices and sort the invoices based on different customers. However, the shipment sheet processing module of the present application is able to not only collect the shipment sheets (and sort the shipment sheets according to different clients inherently), but also *accumulate* the shipment sheets relating to each client to *generate an accumulative shipment sheet for each client*. Accordingly, Wong fails to

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disclose, teach or suggest the feature of "a shipment sheet processing module for *collecting the shipment sheets, generating an accumulative shipment sheet for each client, generating detailed data on the accumulative shipment sheet, and arranging for packing of products to be shipped*", as recited in amended claim 1 of the present application.

In conclusion, Wong fails to disclose, teach, or even suggest the present invention having the above-described features as set forth in amended claim 1. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is not only novel under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Wong, but also unobvious and patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Wong. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection and allowance of amended claim 1 are requested.

Since claims 2-4 depend from amended independent claim 1, and respectively recite additional subject matter, claims 2-4 should also be patentable over Wong.

Claims 5-11

Claim 5, as amended, recites in part:

'warehousing any one or more of work-in-process products, semi-finished products, finished products, and sales return products;

...

Collecting the shipment sheets, generating an accumulative shipment sheet for each client, generating detailed data on the accumulative shipment, and arranging for packing of products to be shipped'.

For at least reasons similar and corresponding to those asserted above in relation to amended claim 1, applicant submits that Wong does not disclose, teach, or even suggest the invention having the above-described features as currently set forth in amended claim 5. Accordingly, amended claim 5 is not only novel over Wong under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), but also

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unobvious and patentable over Wong under 35 U.S.C. § 103.
Reconsideration and removal of the rejection and allowance of amended claim 5 are requested.

Since claims 6-11 depend from independent amended claim 5, and respectively recite additional subject matter, claims 6-11 should also be patentable over Wong.

In view of the above claim amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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